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## **U.S. Department of Justice**

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November 25, 2020

## **BY ECF**

Hon. Richard M. Berman United States District Judge Southern District of New York 500 Pearl Street New York, New York 10007

Re: United States v. Orelien, 20 Crim. 636 (RMB)

Dear Judge Berman:

The Government respectfully submits this letter to request that time be excluded under the Speedy Trial Act between today and the date of arraignment.

A grand jury indicted the defendant yesterday, and he is currently detained. The Government understands that the COVID-19 pandemic frequently causes the initial arraignment of a detained defendant to be significantly delayed, and no arraignment date has yet been set. The Government accordingly asks that time be excluded under the Speedy Trial Act between today and either the date of arraignment or November 21, 2020 (a reasonable control date pending scheduling of arraignment), whichever date comes first.

An exclusion of time under the Speedy Trial Act is in the interests of justice and outweighs the best interests of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial because it will enable the parties to produce and review discovery and discuss a pre-trial resolution. 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A). Defense counsel consents to the exclusion of time.

Respectfully Submitted,

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gins Orelien (by ECF)

Arraignment is scheduled for Thursday,
December 10, 2020 at 9:00 AM. Time
is excluded pursuant to the Speedy
Trial Act for the reasons set forth in
this letter.

SO ORDERED: Date: 11/30/2020 Richard M. Berman, U.S.D.J.